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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits et al.

Application No.: 09/466,935

Filing Date: December 20, 1999

For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Steadman

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1260

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**Mail Stop RCE**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response for filing the Response to the Official Action mailed October 15, 2004, one month(s) to March 15, 2005.

☒ The period for response has previously been extended to February 15, 2005.

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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